

**STATEMENT CLAIMING SMALL ENTITY STATUS
(37 CFR 1.9(f) & 1.27(b))—INDEPENDENT INVENTOR**

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Title: FIBER-OPTIC WAVEGUIDE FOR EVANESCENT OPTICAL COUPLING AND METHODS OF FABRICATION AND USE THEREOF

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☐ the application identified above.
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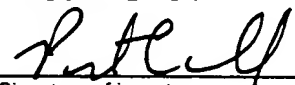
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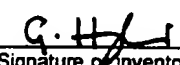
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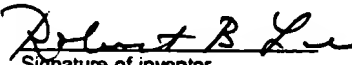
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I hereby state that I am:

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I hereby state that rights under contract or law have been conveyed to and remain with the small business concern identified above with regard to the invention described in:

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If the rights held by the above identified small business concern are not exclusive, each individual, concern, or organization having rights in the invention must file separate statements as to their status as small entities, and no rights to the invention are held by any person, other than the inventor, who would not qualify as an independent inventor under 37 CFR 1.9(c) if that person made the invention, or by any concern which would not qualify as a small business concern under 37 CFR 1.9(d), or a nonprofit organization under 37 CFR 1.9(e).

Each person, concern, or organization having any rights in the invention is listed below:

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